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PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED FOLLOWING THE GENEVA MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR AND OF THE FRENTE FARABUNDO MARTI PARA LA LIBERACION NACIONAL

At the request of the Central American Presidents and within the framework of the mandate of good offices conferred on me by the Security Council under resolution 637 of 27 July 1989, I have held consultations with the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) in order to agree on the format, mechanism and pace of a process aimed at bringing about as speedily as possible, under my auspices, a definitive end to the armed conflict in that country. I have agreed to carry out this effort at the request of the Government and FMLN and because I have received assurances from both parties that there is a serious intention and good faith to seek to bring about such an end through negotiations. As a result of my consultations, the Government and FMLN have agreed on the points set forth below, which are designed to ensure that the process proceeds in an efficient and serious manner and promotes mutual trust through appropriate guarantees.

I believe that the scrupulous maintenance of these guarantees, over and above their intrinsic importance, will demonstrate the desire and ability of the parties to carry out the commitments that they undertake during the negotiations. On this understanding, the Government and FMLN have pledged not to renounce the negotiation process.

1. The purpose of the process shall be to end the armed conflict through political means as speedily as possible, promote the democratization of the country, guarantee unrestricted respect for human rights and reunify Salvadorian society.

The initial objective shall be to achieve political agreements for arranging a halt to the armed confrontation and any acts that infringe the rights of the civilian population, which will have to be verified by the United Nations, subject to the approval of the Security Council. Once that has been achieved, the process shall lead to the establishment of the necessary guarantees and conditions for reintegrating the members of FMLN, within a framework of full legality, into the civil, institutional and political life of the country.

2. The process shall be carried out under the auspices of the Secretary-General and in a continuing and ongoing manner.

3. In order to ensure the success of the negotiation process, the Government and FMLN agree to a method which will be elaborated by means of two types of complementary activities: direct dialogue between the negotiation commissions with the active participation of the Secretary-General or his Representative, and an intermediary role by the Secretary-General or his Representative between the parties to ensure that both the Government and FMLN are committed at the highest level. The Secretary-General shall see to it that these activities are conducted in a manner that truly contributes to the success of the process. The Government and FMLN shall ensure that their negotiation commissions are fully authorized to discuss and conclude agreements.

4. The Government and FMLN agree that the process shall be conducted in the strictest confidence. The

only public information on the development of this process shall be that which is provided by the Secretary-General or his authorized Representative.

5. The Secretary-General, at his discretion, may maintain confidential contacts with Governments of States Members of the United Nations or groups of such Governments which may contribute to the success of the process through their advice and support.

6. The Government of El Salvador and FMLN agree that the political parties and other existing representative social organizations in El Salvador have an important role to play in achieving peace. In the same way, they recognize the need for both the Government and FMLN to maintain adequate and standing information and consultation mechanisms with these parties and social organizations in the country and that the latter must undertake to ensure the necessary confidentiality for the success of the dialogue process. When it is deemed appropriate and on the basis of mutual agreement, the commissions may call upon the representatives of these parties and organizations in order to receive their contributions.

7. The Government and FMLN likewise recognize that it is useful for the Secretary-General to maintain contacts with Salvadorian persons and groups whose contribution may be of use in his efforts.

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In the capacity assigned to me by the United Nations Security Council in resolution 637 (1989)

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